Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Was there a Committee in existence before this?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I think there was such a Committee even before.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: What is the function of this Committee?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I cannot give you a summary of the terms of appointment of this Committee just at present.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can you not give it roughly?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: Sorry, I am not in a position to give you that information.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വട്ടിസ്സ് : ഈഴവരിലും, മുഹമ്മദീയരിലും, ക്രസ്ത്യാനികളിലും ഭാഷാപരിഷ്കരണ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽപെടുത്തുക്ക യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർ ഇല്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : ധാരാളമുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വട്ടിസ്സ് : എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ് അവരെ പെടുത്താതിരുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : ഇവരെ തല്ക്കാലം പെടുത്തിയെന്നമാത്രമേയുള്ളു.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ വട്ടിസ്സ് : അവക്ക് ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ പോകേണ്ട കാര്യമില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ : എന്റെ പോട്ട്ഫോളിയോവിൽ പെട്ടതല്ലാ ക്ഷേത്രങ്ങൾ, അതുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടാണ്.

STAFF IN THE FOOD DEPARTMENT

37. Mr. P. A. Muhamad Ashrof *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of Field Officers, Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspectors and Grain Purchase Assistants in the Food Supply Department (each to be separately given);

(*b*) the number of posts held in each by (*i*) Caste Hindus (*ii*) Non-Caste Hindus other than Ezhuvas (*iii*) Ezhuvas (*iv*) Christians (*v*) Muslims and (*vi*) Jews?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) Field Officers 56
Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspectors .. 7
Grain Purchasing Assistants 20

(*b*)

Field Officers

Caste Hindus	..	22
Non-Caste Hindus other than Ezhuvas	..	7
Ezhuvas	..	11
Christians	..	9
Muslims	..	7
Jews	..	Nil
		56

Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Inspectors

Caste Hindus	..	Nil
Non-caste Hindus other than Ezhuvas	..	2
Ezhuvas	..	3
Christian	..	1
Muslims	..	Nil
Jews	..	Nil
		6

Grain Purchasing Assistants

Caste Hindus	..	9
Non-caste Hindus other than Ezhuvas	..	1
Ezhuvas	..	5
Christians	..	4
Muslim	..	1
Jew	..	Nil
		20

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Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will the Hon'ble Minister kindly give the Malayalam meaning for "Caste Hindus"?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I am not in a position to give you that.

ASSUMPTION OF MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

38. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) have the Government any policy regarding the assumption of management of Primary Schools conducted by private agency;

(*b*) will the management of such of the aided schools whose managers are willing to surrender the management to the Government be assumed by the Government;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative on what conditions will such managements be assumed?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) & (*b*) Government will consider each case on its own merits.

(*c*) Generally, the managements of aided schools are assumed by Government on condition that the managements are willing to surrender free of cost to Government the site, building and equipment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, in the light of the common answer for (a) and (b), can I take that the Government have no policy as such regarding the assumption of schools?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* No. Each case is considered on its merits. That is the policy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So the policy as regards assumption of management of private schools is that each case when it arises will be considered on its own merits.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Yes

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Now with reference to answer (c) viz., "generally the managements of aided schools are assumed by Government on condition that the managements are willing to surrender free of cost to Government the site, building and equipment," may I know Sir, that if these conditions are satisfied, will the Government be pleased as a rule to assume management of those schools?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* That is to say the Hon'ble Member wants to alter the policy just now referred to by me. That cannot be done at question time.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know Sir, whether the Government have considered which is more beneficial, viz., Government assuming management of private schools or private agencies running them?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Yes.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the opinion of the Government as laid down by the Code Revision Committee's recommendations? I would like to know what it is.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government do not want to say that there is no place for private schools in the scheme of education.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of that answer that Government do not want to say that there is no place for aided agencies in the scheme of Education, I put the question Sir, with reference to sub-division (c) that where a management is prepared to surrender free of cost the site, building and equipment necessary for running the school, and the management is not able to continue the running of the school, will the Government come to the rescue of that educational institution?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Now Sir, from the argument in (c) if the management is willing to surrender free of cost to Government the site, building and equipment it does not necessarily follow that unless it is assumed by Government that school will fall down. That is why I answered with reference to (a) and (b) that the question will be considered on its own merits.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Government have decided which is more beneficial and what are their conclusions?

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